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SUBJECT: EC FOREIGN MINISTERS COUNCIL, FEBRUARY 8, 1977: US-EC
FISHERY AGREEMENT

REF: (A) EC BRUSSELS 1191, (B) EC BRUSSELS 546, (C) EC BRUSSELS 809,
(D) STATE 27334

1. GALLAGHER INFORMED THE DCM ON FEBRUARY 8 THAT THE
STATEMENT ON THE SUBJECT AGREEMENT EC COMMISSIONER GUNDELACH
INTENDED TO MAKE TO THE EC FOREIGN MINISTERS DURING
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THEIR FEBRUARY 8 COUNCIL MEETING INCLUDED THE FOLLOWING
POINTS: (A) A FISHERY AGREEMENT HAD BEEN REACHED AD
REFERENDUM BETWEEN THE EC COMMISSION ON THE US; (B)
MEMBER STATES SHOULD BEGIN THEIR EXAMINATION OF THIS
AGREEMENT AT THE FEBRUARY 9 COREPER MEETING; (C) THE
DEADLINE FOR CONCLUSION OF THE AGREEMENT IN ORDER
TO AVOID AN INTERRUPTION OF EC FISHING IN US WATERS

IS FEBRUARY 15; (D) THE COUNCIL PRESIDENT SHOULD NOTIFY THE EUROPEAN PARLIAMENT AS SOON AS POSSIBLE OF THE AGREEMENT AND REQUEST EARLY ACTION BY COREPER SO THAT THE TEXT CAN BE FORMALLY APPROVED AT THE NEXT EC COUNCIL MEETING, FEBRUARY 14.

2. THE PUBLIC COMMUNIQUE ISSUED AFTER THE COUNCIL MEETING STATES THAT THE MINISTERS TOOK NOTE OF "A REPORT BY GUNDELACH ON THE STATE OF FISHERY NEGOTIATIONS WITH THE US" AND THAT THE MINISTERS HAD INSTRUCTED COREPER TO TAKE THE NECESSARY STEPS TO PERMIT SIGNATURE OF A US/EC FISHERY AGREEMENT BY FEBRUARY 15. TO THE BEST OF OUR KNOWLEDGE, THERE WAS NO OTHER EXPLICIT PUBLIC STATEMENT REGARDING CONCLUSION OF AN AGREEMENT AD REFERENDUM WITH THE US.

3. THE MINISTERS ALSO AGREED IN PRINCIPLE TO A COMMISSION PROPOSAL TO EXTEND INTERIM CONSERVATION AND MANAGEMENT MEASURES TO NON-EASTERN EUROPEAN THIRD COUNTRY FLEETS FISHING IN EC WATERS (SPAIN, FINLAND, PORTUGAL, SWEDEN, CANADA, AND US,BUT EXCLUDING ICELAND). THIS REGULATION IS TO PROVIDE FOR A PRIOR LICENSING SYSTEM FOR THIRD COUNTRY FISHING VESSELS (REF C). COREPER HAS BEEN INSTRUCTED TO WORK ON THE TEXT OF THIS REGULATION IN ORDER TO ALLOW ITS FORMAL ADOPTION AS SOON AS POSSIBLE. HINTON

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